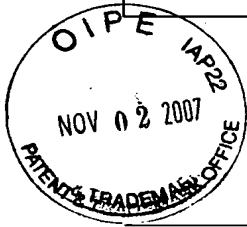


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2007,
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.